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Public Information Session Planned

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is inviting all members of the community to attend a public information and input session for the new Municipal Building project. The decisions made for this project will be decisions to last the community for many years to come. The new facility, while intended to be complimentary of the current municipal building, will be a fully modern building with up to date features, systems, and materials and technology. It will be designed with the customer-citizen in mind.

The session will be held on Wednesday, October 16 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 409 South Main Street. It will be in “open house format” with visual displays and feedback forms to receive ideas. City staff members along with representatives from Mather Architects will be in attendance to answer questions and serve as a resource through this process.

“This will be an exciting project for City staff as well as residents and businesses of Harrisonburg. This will be the City Hall for the foreseeable future and we want it to be something that is “user friendly”, energy efficient, and a source of community pride,” said City Manager Kurt Hodgen.

Mather Architects, P.C. was selected in the spring to provide architectural and engineering services for this project. They have presented six different preliminary site plans to members of City Council and sketched several variations of what the new structure would look like from a street-view perspective.

Members of the community will have the ability to review the same information that is available at the public information session online. A website is being designed to allow comments to also be submitted electronically. Feedback will be accepted after the public information session until Monday, October 21 at 8:00 a.m. to allow staff members to draft a report to present at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 22.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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